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H. R. 6017

To ameliorate the effects of harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes by reducing phosphorus inputs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM RESPONSE PLAN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
6 Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with
7 other relevant Federal, State, and local government enti-

1 ties, shall develop a regional response plan to address and
2 mitigate harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes.

3 (b) COMPONENTS OF PLAN.—Such plan shall in-
4 clude—

5 (1) an analysis of the scientific data about the
6 causes of harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes;

7 (2) proposed solutions to address and mitigate
8 such harmful algal blooms;

9 (3) an analysis of the ability of secondary treat-
10 ment by wastewater treatment facilities to reduce
11 the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen being dis-
12 charged into the Great Lakes, including—

13 (A) the degree of phosphorus and nitrogen
14 reduction attainable through the application of
15 secondary treatment; and

16 (B) the economic feasibility of secondary
17 treatment;

18 (4) an evaluation of the relevant water quality
19 standards promulgated by each of the Great Lakes
20 States (as defined in section 118(a)(3) of the Fed-
21 eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
22 1268(a)(3)));

23 (5) suggested revisions to such standards if the
24 Administrator determines that such standards are

1 not adequate to reduce the incidence and severity of
2 harmful algal blooms;

3 (6) an analysis of the technological and eco-
4 nomic feasibility of proposed solutions; and

5 (7) an estimate of the costs involved in imple-
6 menting proposed solutions.

7 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the plan required by subsection (a) is completed, the
9 Administrator shall submit such plan to Congress.

10 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF PHOSPHORUS AS A BANNED HAZ-**
11 **ARDOUS SUBSTANCE.**

12 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Consumer Product Safety Commission,
14 pursuant to section 3 of the Federal Hazardous Sub-
15 stances Act (15 U.S.C. 1262), shall issue regulations de-
16 claring any cleaning product that contains greater than
17 0.5 percent phosphorus by volume and is intended for use
18 in individual households to be a banned hazardous sub-
19 stance under such Act.

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